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Candidates visit campus for PKI post

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STAFF WRITER

A national search is currently underway to fill the newly created position of executive director and chief science and technology officer at the Peter Kiewit Institute.

The search was initiated after the institute's charter was re-examined last June. The updated charter contained several recommendations to advance the institute after an extensive review of the institute's site, history and success by the Washington Advisory Group.

Recommendations included encouraging the institute to specialize in certain areas of education, increasing graduates in information science and technology, expanding funding to promote research, enhancing relationships with businesses as well as corporations and promoting interactivity across different academic areas across the campus.

With these goals in mind, the search committee, also named last June, enlisted the help of executive search agency Heidrick and Struggles to fill the position at the Peter Kiewit Institute.

Over the next couple months, the university is hosting a series of forums to introduce students and faculty to candidates for the position.

The first of the forums were held March 13 and March 14, where Douglas Himberger and Michael McGinnis, respectively, spoke about their personal goals for the institute, shared their background and answered questions from faculty and students.

"This forum went really well. I thought we had a really nice mix of people from the different groups," Ilze Zigurs, a member of the search committee, said of Himberger's forum. "I appreciated that there was a variety, a lot of really good questions and good responses."

Putting the institute on the map was an important subject, Himberger said. Himberger, a partner and vice president of Booz Allen Hamilton, compared his vision for the institute from when he lived in Nebraska to living in Washington, D.C.

"My vision from 10 miles away wasn't that different from my vision from 1,300 miles away," Himberger said. "What that tells me is that PKI was not well enough known, not just on

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UNO Wrestling team secures sixth national championship



The UNO wrestling team capped off an undefeated dual season with its sixth National Championship in school history, crowning one individual champion during the NCAA Division II National Tournament held March 13-14 in Houston. (COURTESY OF SANDY HIGDON)

TAYLOR MULLER
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The UNO wrestling team claimed its sixth national championship in winning style, securing its title as the finishing touch to an undefeated season on March 14 in Houston.

Represented by nine wrestlers at the National Collegiate Athletics Association Division II National Tournament, UNO also crowned one individual champion

The Mavericks finished first with 146.5 points, almost twice more than second-place Newberry with 80.5 points, as well as third-place Minnesota State, Mankato with 71.5 points.

Senior Todd Meneely at 157 pounds won his third national title, becoming the fourth wrestler in UNO history to win three or more titles, finishing the season undefeated, 27-0.

The national title was the fifth secured under the leadership of Head Coach Mike Denney, who also was named Coach of the Year.

"They were on a mission to get the most out of themselves. Everybody contributed," Denney said. "For our guys to perform that way throughout the tournament is a great testament to them. Each guy doing the most they could for the team. We had some tough matches but we had guys that bounced back to get points."

The Mavs had several pins and six major decisions during the tournament, key to their point domination.

"I don't think I've ever sat through a performance like we had coming through the tournament," Denney said. "Honestly a great effort, glad it took me along for the ride."

Junior Cody Garcia was awarded Most Falls in the Least Amount of Time, with four pins in 11:16, his fastest in 45 seconds. Those pins came after losing to 133-pound national champion Joe Kemmerer of Kutztown University in the second round to secure third place for Garcia overall.

After the loss, Denney said he asked Garcia if he was all

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NU appealing AAUP salary, benefit award

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NEWS EDITOR

The University of Nebraska central administration announced March 13 that it would appeal the salary and benefits increases awarded to the UNO faculty through collective bargaining.

The faculty's union, the UNO chapter of the American Association of University Professors, had reached an impasse in negotiations for its biennial contract with the university.

Under Nebraska law, a special master is appointed to serve as an independent arbitrator to mediate "final offers" made between the union and the university when such an impasse is reached.

The university's final offer was a 2.9 percent salary increase in 2009-10, a 2.5 percent increase in 2010-11 and no increase in life insurance coverage.

The faculty, however, was awarded its final offer, which consists of a 3.8 percent salary increase for each of the next two years as well as a life insurance benefit.

The life insurance benefit has a face value equal to the base salary of each AAUP member, not to exceed \$120,000. The university estimated the potential cost of implementing the benefit at \$2 million.

The fate of the faculty's salary and benefits award now rests with the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations, which will reconsider the issues of the salary and benefits separately.

In an e-mail to faculty and staff earlier this month, Terry

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Seven Days of Service has large volunteer turnout over break

RYAN WILCH
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Instead of traveling to warmer climates during spring break to work on their tans, many students decided to stay home and spend their time working on their environment.

The Service Learning Academy's seventh annual Seven Days of Service project began on March 14 and concluded Saturday. The project — which involved students from UNO, Omaha North High School and Benson High School — helped non-profit organizations renovate

houses and landscape parks throughout the metro area.

The Service Learning Academy had already reached its goal of recruiting 1,000 volunteers before the first day of the event took place.

"We currently have over 1,200 volunteers signed up over the Seven Days of Service and have added several sites to further serve and engage in our community while accommodating the number of volunteers," Kathleen Oleson-Lyons, associate director of UNO's Service Learning Academy, said on March 12.

More than 98 percent of

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Diana Lovejoy, left, and Mike Bowman clean up a yard at 3119 Seward St. for Omaha Habitat for Humanity on March 14 as part of the Seven Days of Service project. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

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Tuesday, March 3

5:25 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity on the Lot J access road. Further investigation disclosed a controlled substance violation. Omaha police responded and arrested the suspect for an outstanding warrant.

Thursday, March 5

12:35 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at University Village. Further investigation disclosed a controlled substance violation. Omaha police arrived and cited one visitor for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

2:10 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot L. Further investigation disclosed a visitor driving under the influence. Omaha police responded. A visitor was arrested for DUI and cited for minor in possession and parking in a handicapped parking stall.

4:10 a.m. A student reported that an unknown male engaged in a public indecent act in their presence in Lot R. The incident occurred on Saturday, Feb. 28, at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6

1:47 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity near Lot J. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Omaha police responded. One student was arrested for driving under the influence, and one student was referred for disciplinary action.

Saturday, March 7

1:01 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity near Lot G. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Omaha police responded. One visitor was arrested for driving under the influence.

1:41 a.m. While assisting Omaha police with the above incident, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at University Village. Further investigation identified an alcohol violation. One

visitor was cited by Omaha police for minor in possession and was removed from campus.

3:36 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot Q. Further investigation disclosed four visitors with alcohol violations. One subject had not consumed alcohol. They were designated the driver and all departed campus.

Monday, March 9

1:50 p.m. A staff member reported the theft of university property from Eppley Administration Building. The theft occurred between 5 p.m., Friday, March 6, and 9 a.m., Monday, March 9.

Wednesday, March 11

3 p.m. A staff member reported the theft of university property from Eppley Administration Building. The incident occurred between 12 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 1, and 7 a.m., Wednesday, March 11.

Friday, March 13

11:37 p.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at University Village. Omaha police were requested. One student was cited for minor in possession and referred for disciplinary action.

3:22 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at Scott Village. Further investigation disclosed three students and two visitors consuming alcohol. One student and one visitor were directed to leave the property. The three students were referred for disciplinary action.

3:54 p.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from Lot J. There are no suspects.

Saturday, March 14

1:55 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot K. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Two students were referred for disciplinary action.

2:18 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. One student was referred for disciplinary action.

2:40 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed an individual become ill in Lot J. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. One student was referred for disciplinary action.

Monday, March 16

11:30 a.m. A staff member reported the theft of university property from Eppley Administration Building. The theft occurred between 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, and 10 a.m., Monday, March 16.

11:16 p.m. While on patrol, Campus Security found a vehicle parked illegally along the south access road to Lot J. Investigation discovered an alcohol violation. Two students were referred for disciplinary action.

Tuesday, March 17

1:01 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security observed a student carrying a case of beer in Lot L with three other individuals. Omaha police were called. The three visitors were given a field sobriety test. No signs of alcohol consumption were found. The student was referred for disciplinary action. The three visitors left campus.

1:30 a.m. While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security heard yelling coming from a third floor balcony. Investigation discovered a controlled substance violation. Omaha police were called. One visitor was cited for possession of marijuana less than 1 ounce. The visitor was banned and barred from campus. Four students were referred for disciplinary action.

2:48 p.m. While on patrol, Campus Security observed suspicious activity in Lot H. Investigation discovered an alcohol violation. One student was referred for disciplinary action.

Wednesday, March 18

1:01 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security observed suspicious activity on University Drive South. While investigating the activity, a visitor fled from Omaha police. The visitor was arrested by Omaha police for failing to provide identification.

Early voting begins in city primary

In-person early voting for the Omaha City Council and mayoral primary began Monday at the Douglas County Election Commission office, located at 225 N. 115th St., just south of West Dodge Road.

The last day for in-person early voting is April 6 at 5 p.m. The citywide primary is scheduled for April 7, with polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The last day for in-person voter registration at the Election Commission is Friday. The office closes at 6 p.m.

Early voting ballots can also be mailed to a specific address. The last day to request such a ballot to be mailed is April 1 at 4 p.m.

For more information on voting, visit the Douglas County Election Commission's Web site, votedouglascounty.com or call 444-VOTE (8683).

This commission's Web site also includes a list of all the candidates running for office and a map of the City Council districts.

- Scott Stewart

UNL unveils 'Tough Times' Web site

UNL's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources recently launched a Web site to help Nebraskans struggling to make ends meet in today's tough economic climate.

The Managing in Tough Times Web site, toughtimes.unl.edu, offers information on saving money, managing personal relationships and farming as well as livestock production.

"It's really a one-stop shop for a great deal of information Nebraskans can use to help them weather this economic downturn," said Kathleen Lodl, assistant dean of UNL Extension. "It includes links to previously released material that is relevant to today's situation, and we'll be adding new materials regularly."

The Web site archives publications from UNL Extension and other material, including linking to national extension materials from eXtension.org.

- Scott Stewart

Free public CPR training offered

Cardiovascular disease and sudden cardiac arrest annually claim the lives of 335,000 Americans before they reach the hospital, with almost 80 percent of cases occurring at home in the presence of a family member.

To learn how to respond to sudden cardiac arrest, the public is invited to free CPR training at one of five free sessions sponsored by the American Heart Association and Emergency Cardiovascular Care at Clarkson College in Omaha on Saturday.

Certified CPR instructors will offer the training sessions, which include an instructional video and practice manikins. Participants will receive a CPR booklet and a wallet-size course attendance card, but the training will not count toward credentials or certification.

The sessions are scheduled for 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., with attendees encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early. The sessions are scheduled to last between 60 minutes and 90 minutes each.

Registration is required, and can be done online at <http://tinyurl.com/c6jff6x> or by phone at 554-2432. Registration ends Thursday at midnight. For more information, call Liz Svatos at 552-3038 or Roger Kruger at 203-3946.

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Former art student found dead of winter exposure

TAYLOR MULLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The former UNO student who went missing nearly seven weeks ago was found dead in a wooded area south of Fremont last Monday.

Jeffrey M. Julian, 20, was found by an all-terrain vehicle team as they expanded their search beyond where his vehicle had been located in a ravine.

Julian and his uncle's dog Montana disappeared Feb. 5. He died of exposure, according to autopsy results released by the Saunders County Sheriff's Office.

He was last seen near 2100 S. 180th St. after attending a North Mississippi Allstars concert downtown with his uncle.

After the concert, Julian drove his uncle home, in west Omaha, but Montana seemed reluctant to leave the car, Julian's mother Christine Julian said.

Julian's uncle joked that he should just take her. When his uncle came back out of the house, Julian and Montana were gone.

Julian's family spent the next month and a half searching for him. With no bank account or cell phone activity, it wasn't until his car was found that answers started to come.

Julian's Honda Accord was located, by sending a signal to his cell phone, just south of the Platte River near Highway 77, about a mile south of Fremont.

Sheriff's officials said it appeared to have crashed at low speed into a ravine. It was still in drive, and it did not appear that anyone was injured in the crash.

Last Monday, the search was expanded and ATV teams found Julian about a mile from his car.

Julian last attended classes at UNO in December as a studio art major. A memorial service was held Friday at St. Leo Catholic Church.



JEFFREY JULIAN

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Hynes, senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, said the pay increases and new insurance benefit would, if implemented, likely impact UNO's budget challenges for the next couple years.

NU President James B. Milliken, in another e-mail earlier this month, said the university might establish a salary pool to provide a common salary increase for each campus. Such a pool, however, would likely leave UNO a deficit it would have to make up in the campus-level budget.

"It is too early in the process to make this determination now," Milliken said. "We do know that additional increases

beyond the level of the pool, if any, will be the responsibility of each campus."

The faculty at UNK is also unionized, with the university's recommendation of salary increases of 2.9 percent for 2009-10 and 2.5 percent in 2010-11 being adopted through arbitration.

Faculty at UNL and UNMC are not unionized, and their salaries are fixed by the Board of Regents. Benefits are usually implemented system-wide.

Last biennium, UNO faculty won a 4.3 percent salary increase for both years. That decision was also reached through the use of a special master, after the university had offered a 3.5 percent increase each year.

Second budget forum to be held Thursday

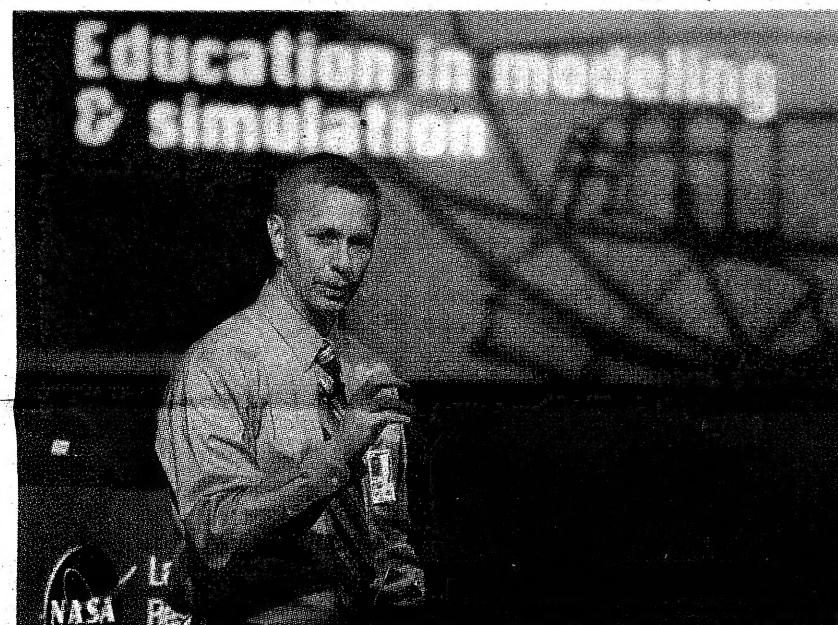
A second campus budget forum will be held Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. All members of the campus community — faculty, staff and students — are welcome to attend.

The forum will provide an update on fiscal issues, a refined timeline regarding the state economic forecast and activities of the UNO Budget Advisory Task Force. The first budget forum was held on Jan. 22, with approximately 125 faculty and staff members attending.

Thursday's forum will feature remarks from Chancellor John Christensen, Senior Vice Chancellor Terry Hynes and Business and Finance Vice Chancellor Bill Conley.

"It's vitally important to have this kind of discussion, and the next forum will continue our conversation about our budget," Christensen said. "While we know we face challenges, the opportunity to come together and communicate our questions and concerns has great value. I would encourage everyone who can attend to come to this session."

— Scott Stewart



Michael McGinnis speaks at a colloquium at the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center at Old Dominion University for NASA researchers based out of Langley, Va., in June. (COURTESY SEAN SMITH/NASA)

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the East Coast. You don't have to get too far away from this room before that awareness drops off. So my vision certainly includes a different sort of profile and awareness for the institute."

McGinnis, executive director of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, also addressed bringing the young school to a more national stage.

"We're competing with every other center in the United States for very scarce resources," McGinnis said. "If we're going to take PKI to the next level, we're going to have to take every one of our skills to the next level."

Another issue many attending examined was the candidates' views on research at PKI. Himberger felt that creating a new dialogue between donor businesses and the institute would be a way for research to involve both students and the donors at a different level.

"I think we need deeper relationships. If a company says we have a terrific 'XYZ,' and we want to put it here, that's great. You don't want to turn down a large donor who has a terrific facility or infrastructure they can add to PKI," Himberger said.

"But it should come with more. 'Thank you so much, that's going to be a wonderful resource for our kids, now what kinds of internships are we going to be able to strike with you in the following year? How will you be able to use our students? The box is great, but how many mentors are you going to provide?'"

Likewise, McGinnis felt the institute should do more to promote research for the faculty and students, beginning in areas where there are foreseeable problems affecting many people and specialize in one area.

"By 2010 [or] 2012, we'll probably run out of space on the Internet. The research that starts out in, you know, in a discovery or exploratory way. As a director, I say, if you want to do that, do that," McGinnis said. "Generally speaking, you kind of have to decide what it is you want to

be great at."

The forums were an opportunity to put the candidates in the hot seat and gave faculty and students the opportunity to ask questions about their past, their influences and their future projections for the institute. Members of the audience and the committee were also looking for qualities in the candidates that stood out.

"Certainly leadership is important, and I think you could tell that from the kinds of questions that people gave here," Zigurs said.

"The ability to really bring people together and create sparks among the different groups, the ability to communicate with very different constituencies, and promote the research programs and promote the visibility of PKI and what we're doing, both on research and on education and our connection to business [are important]."

Michael Higgins, a master's student in management information systems, agreed that leadership was an important quality.

"He has the leadership ability," Higgins said of McGinnis. "[He is] able to lead teams in a cohesive way."

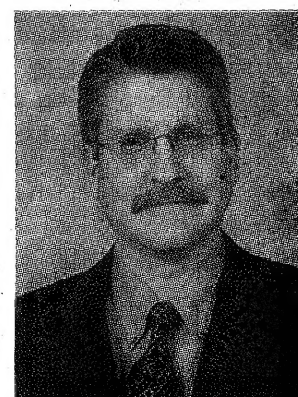
The selection process comes down to more than just leadership, though.

Over the next months, the candidates will participate in the forums. University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken will then look for comments via e-mail from audience members about their thoughts on the candidates.

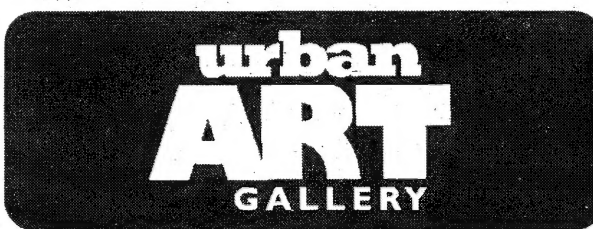
Dorest Harvey, executive in residence at the institute, sees filling the position of executive director chief science officer as a way to move the institute forward.

"I think this is a next-level issue," Harvey said. "We need to build on the past and look towards the future."

News Editor Scott Stewart contributed to this report.



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Hockey team comes to halt against Notre Dame

MICHELLE BISHOP
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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The No. 2 ranked Notre Dame hockey team wasted little time setting the tone with UNO during the second-round of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoff series March 13-14 in South Bend, Ind.

The Fighting Irish struck first each night, minutes into each game, to sweep the best-of-three series over UNO with 5-0 and 1-0 wins.

Notre Dame goaltender Jordan Pearce turned in two impressive performances by stopping all 60 shots he faced during the series.

The Irish cruised past UNO 5-0 in game one in front of 2,819 fans in a sold-out Joyce Center on March 13.

The Irish struck early as left-wing Calle Ridderwall capitalized off a UNO turnover behind the net and slipped the puck past goaltender Jerad Kaufmann to give Notre Dame a 1-0 lead just 2:01 into the game.

Notre Dame continued to pour it on in the first period; goals by Ben Ryan, Billy Mayday and Ryan Thang put the Irish up 4-0.

"Guys were flying in that first period," said Notre Dame Coach Jeff Jackson. "I think that's as good a first period as we've played all season long. We were buzzing."

Jackson's squad had two weeks to prepare for the series after claiming the regular-season CCHA championship and earning a first-round playoff bye.

"They came out with what I expected, a lot of firepower," UNO coach Mike Kemp said. "We really got back on our heels early and didn't respond like we did in Omaha. As a result that put ourselves in a hole that was



pretty deep to dig out of."

UNO fell to the Irish twice in Omaha on Feb. 20-21, 4-3 in overtime and 1-0.

Junior goalie Jeremie Dupont entered the game in the second period and came up huge on two Notre Dame odd-man rushes to keep the score 4-0.

The UNO offense pressured Irish goaltender Jordan Pearce in the final two periods, outshooting Notre Dame 12-8 in the second and 11-8 in the third, but was unable to get past the senior netminder.

Irish right-wing Ryan Guentzel added a goal at 16:47 of the third to close out the scoring.

"With that kind of a lead they're a team

that's made its name on playing shut-down hockey," Kemp said. "When you put yourselves in that kind of a hole it's very difficult to get back out of."

Game two of the series looked as if it might mirror the previous night with Notre Dame, once again, jumping out to an early lead in front of 2,857 fans in a sold-out Joyce Center on March 14.

Irish center Justin White lit the lamp just 2:34 into the game by slapping the puck into an open net. Kaufmann had left the net to play the puck but miscommunication between him and sophomore defenseman Eric Olimb led to a costly turnover.

Notre Dame's Dan Kissel recovered the puck in the corner and centered a pass to a wide-open White who netted the game's only goal.

"Their guy gets it, throws it to the net front, and obviously it was too tough for 'Kauf' to get back. It was a real bang-bang play to the net," Kemp said. "We pulled it together after that first goal. I was pleased with the way we didn't let that one goal get us down. We kept playing and obviously we had our chances."

Needing a win to keep the season alive, UNO peppered Pearce with 13 shots in the final frame but came up empty.

The Mavs had multiple opportunities to score but senior forward Dan Charleston's shot bounced off the inside of the post, senior J.P. Platisha just missed on a quick wraparound and junior forward Nick Fanto drilled a shot off the facemask of Pearce.

"We just couldn't buy a bounce," Kemp said. "Great play by Charleston and [Tomas] Klempe to come in the zone and put it off the inside of the pipe. This is a game of millimeters, that's on the inside of the pipe and it bounces off the inside of the pipe and out."

"We hit Jordan Pearce in the facemask three times, especially in the third period Fanto coming right down the gut and hits him in the facemask again."

Earlier in the game, the Mavs had what could have been their best scoring chance



Top: Notre Dame's Garrett Regan gets knocked off his skates while fighting for the puck in front of UNO goaltender Jerad Kaufmann and Kyle Ensign (center) during the March 14 game in South Bend, Ind. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Middle: UNO's Dan Charleston (center) gets tangled between Notre Dame goaltender Jordan Pearce and Brett Blatchford during the March 14 game in South Bend, Ind. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Bottom: UNO's Rich Purslow collides with Notre Dame goaltender Jordan Pearce during the March 13 game in South Bend, Ind. Looking on is Notre Dame's Ian Cole. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

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whistled dead. The puck bounced out to junior defenseman Eddie Del Grosso, who was alone in the slot and with a clear view of a partially open net, but the referee blew the play dead when he lost sight of the puck and assumed it was frozen under a tangle of players in front of the crease.

"Everyone was flopping around and the puck ends up on one of our sticks 15 feet out in front of the net, but the whistle blows," Kemp said. "We got everybody down and out and

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right.

"He said, 'Coach I'll do the best I can for the team,'" Denney said.

Denney was unable to point to one specific factor that led the team to its perfect season, but he said he believes the tenacity and soul of the wrestlers are definitely part of it.

"You wouldn't say our team has the best technique, but it's the team power, the team chemistry and their grit, their get after it style," he said.

That grit could have been what powered Meneely through his double overtime, 4-2 decision over Travis Eggers of Upper Iowa University to take first place.

Sophomore Aaron Denson sneaked a last-second pin in to go onto the finals, securing second-place at 165-pounds. He fell 5-0 to top ranked Josh Shields of Mercyhurst College.

Senior Brent Pankoke also finished second, at 184 pounds, losing in the final match against fifth-ranked Kyle Sand of Adams State College.

Filling out the ranks of runners-up, junior Jacob Marrs took second at 197-pounds, losing the final match in a 3-2 decision against Newberry College's Keeno Griffin.

"This team put it out there against everybody," Denney said.

UNO also dominated the All-Academic team selections, with senior Ross Taplin and Garcia named to the first team, for the third year. Also selected for the first team were Marrs and Pankoke.

Sophomores Ryan Pankoke and Matt Rein and freshman Nathan Sigman were chosen for the second team All-Academic roster.

The team ranked eighth overall with a 3.211 grade point average.

With the season written into the record books, Denney said the trick will be to keep the momentum going into next year. UNO will be hosting the 2009-10 national tournament for the fifth time. The Mavs have hosted the tournament more than any other team nationally.

"We want to do well, we want to perform. We have a great team coming back, probably be No. 1 again. We need to regroup and do it all again," Denney said.

The Athletic Department will be hosting a reception congratulating the Mavs on their 2009 season on Thursday at noon in the atrium of the Sapp Fieldhouse. Students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to attend.

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a guy with the puck in the slot who can't bury it. That's kind of the microcosm of how the season went, bounces like that didn't go our way."

The Irish goalie finished with 30 saves to collect his third consecutive shutout over the Mavs this season.

"We played a tough team," Jackson said. "In the second two periods [Friday night] and all three periods tonight it was an even hockey game. We really only handled them in one period out of six. I think that they deserve a lot of credit for the way they competed here."

For seniors Kaufmann, Charleston, Platisha and Klempa, the game marked an end to their careers at UNO.

"I'm just proud of the guys and the way we played tonight," Kaufmann said, who finished with 23 saves in his final game as a Maverick. "We didn't hold anything back. We put it all out there and we didn't leave anything in the tank."

UNO wrapped up the season at 15-17-8 overall and has yet to record a second-round victory in the four years since the CCHA adopted its current playoff format.

Notre Dame (28-6-3) advanced to the CCHA Championships in Detroit where the Irish slipped

past Northern Michigan 2-1 in the semifinals Friday night. In Saturday's championship game, the Irish rallied to beat Michigan 5-2 and claim their second CCHA playoff title in the last three seasons.

(MICHELLE BISHOP/
THE GATEWAY)

UNO goaltender Jeremie Dupont eyes a loose puck near Notre Dame's Ryan Guentzel during the March 13 game in South Bend, Ind.



playoffs for the fifth consecutive season, after defeating Ferris State in the opening round.

"We struggled through a long stretch of time where we didn't have much success. I will give our kids credit for sticking together and continuing to work hard," Kemp said, "Obviously, we would have put ourselves in a much better position had we gotten through January and February without some of that disappointment we had."

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UNO writers not so blue for collective on Friday

CHRISTA HILLMER
CONTRIBUTOR

One local store serves as a creative outlet for many UNO students and alumni artists alike to show off their literary talents and reach a new audience in Omaha.

The Blue Flamingo Thrift Store, located at 1716 South 10th St., will present "UNO Writers Collective: Part Deux" as part of their "Fridays at the Blue" series on Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Current UNO students and alumni involved in the event will read their poetry and short stories. Cat Dixon, Kate Berger, Fran Higgins, Joy Ill, Gateway contributor Tom McCauley and Patrick McGee will all read their writings. Folk and western band Bad Country will also perform at the event.

The UNO Writers Collective was

created and organized by the university's writing club, The Crop. The group itself was put together in hopes of encouraging local writers to perform their own work for an audience.

"We're a very open community and definitely value people who like to read ... perform their pieces to the public, regardless of skill or experience level," Berger said.

While this is the second Writers Collective event, The Crop has put on many other showcases.

"Last year, we did a theme night where writers and artists would purchase something from the Blue Flamingo, take it home and create something from it that they could show at the next month's event," said Higgins, events coordinator for the Writers Collective.

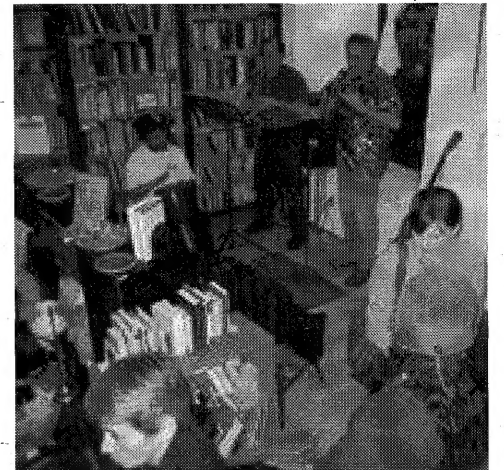
Blue Flamingo store manager Stephanie Jacobson also remembered this event. She credited Omaha native and writer Joel Thomas with the inspiration behind "Fridays at the Blue," which holds various arts related events that's currently in its third year.

Jacobson said that many writers do not have experience reading their own work.

Thomas wanted to promote local authors and worked to create Fridays at the Blue, a safe and friendly environment for artists to perform.

Friday's event will consist of an eclectic mixture of poetry, essays, music, food and drink that's free and open to the public. The store, in addition to selling thrift items, also sells fair trade goods and will be open for business throughout the evening's events.

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Local musicians and writers performed at the "Fridays at the Blue" event held at the Blue Flamingo Thrift Store in downtown Omaha. (COURTESY OF BLUE FLAMINGO)

'Duplicity's smart story line worth of double-take

J.L. HOTOVY
CONTRIBUTOR

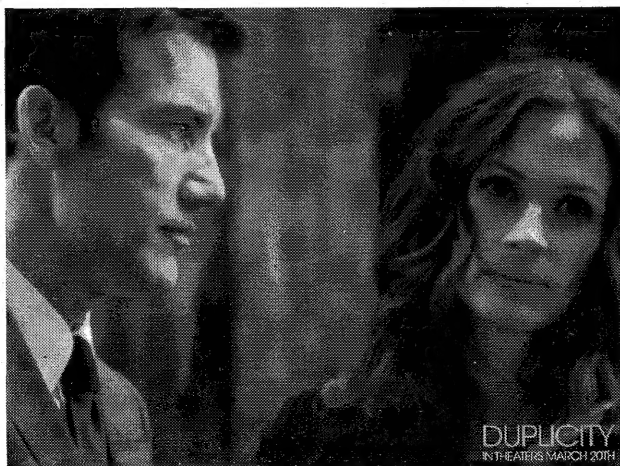
In 2003, an MI:6 agent crosses paths with a CIA operative. The result: a plan to deceive two corporate conglomerates and get away with \$40 million.

Julia Roberts plays CIA counter-intelligence officer Claire Stenwick, and Clive Owen portrays her developing love interest and partner Ray Koval in a film directed by Tony Gilroy, writer of "Michael Clayton" and the "Bourne" series.

Both Stenwick and Koval leave their government jobs to land key positions within the warring multi-

national companies, using the inside information to their advantage. But as they become more romantically entangled, questions of whether they can truly trust each other surface in the race to obtain the secret product formula everyone so desperately desires. The constant thread throughout is who is really playing whom in this game.

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"Duplicity" starring Julia Roberts and Clive Owens opened March 20 in theaters across the country. (COURTESY OF DUPLICITYMOVIE.NET)

Reality TV producer to speak at UNO

ANDREA BARBE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR


With the economic problems facing the United States and the job market looking bleaker by the day, UNO brings one alumnus back to help students deal with finding a job upon graduation.

Reality TV producer and UNO alumnus Mark Allen will speak on Tuesday, March 24 in the Chancellor's Room, located on the second floor of the Milo Bail Student Center.

His speech will kick off at 11:30 a.m. and is free to the public.

Allen has worked as a producer for popular reality shows like ABC's "The Bachelor," "The Bachelorette" and "Supernanny," and MTV's "A

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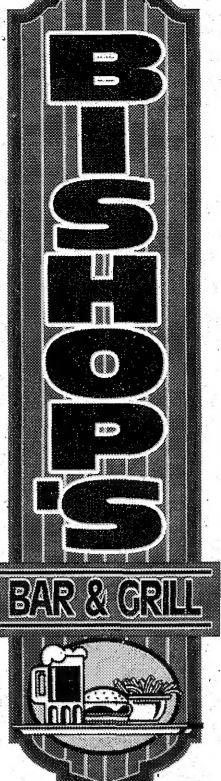
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Why the Gateway needs more student fee support

Our readers may wonder why — with tuition expected to go up and student fees increasing dramatically because of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building bond — The Gateway requested and is receiving a large increase in student-fee support next academic year.

Students will each pay \$2.91 per semester to support The Gateway, an increase of 27 cents. The increase will cover a shortfall in advertising revenue expected to continue as newspapers locally and nationally struggle to maintain profitability.

The Omaha World-Herald, for instance, recently raised its newsstand prices to 75 cents for a single issue, while cutting 38 jobs — including, rumor has it, nine newsroom positions — earlier this month.

Nationally, the situation is even worse. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, for instance, printed its final issue last week, keeping only a handful of 167 staffers as the publication shifts entirely to the Internet. There's some talk in the journalism business as to which major American city will become the first without a daily print newspaper.

In the college newspaper business, The Gateway has experienced advertising declines similar to those of the Creightonian and UNL's Daily Nebraskan. The Gateway has also joined those two publications in reducing our average paper size from 12 pages to eight.

The conclusion is simple: The newspaper industry continues to fall victim to changing social paradigms, including the shift to the Internet and new media. A solution that provides adequate revenue to run a newsroom hasn't been found yet.

Some people believe the newspaper industry, is doomed and that newspapers will someday soon become either a relic or a niche market for only the rich. Unfortunately, that may ultimately be the fate of the traditional newspaper.

It will not, however, be the fate of journalism to disappear into the history books.

Regardless of the form journalism takes, its role in society will not disappear as costs increase and advertising decreases. Its social function remains just as important, perhaps more so, as the information age goes through this mass-media revolution.

Nowhere does this seem more evident to us than looking at UNO's campus. Regardless of the fate of newspapers locally or nationally, UNO students will still want to know what is going on with their student fees and tuition dollars.

They'll still want to know how the Maverick athletic teams did last weekend.

They'll still want to know what the next performance by the theatre department will be.

And they'll still — we hope — want to hear other students' opinions on what is going on in the world around them, in the microcosm of campus, on the international stage and everywhere in between.

As long as there's a need in society for journalism, we believe there's a need here at UNO for The Gateway. We're committed to doing the best we can to meet that need.

Right now, we believe the best vehicle for campus journalism is a twice-weekly tabloid newspaper. Perhaps with time this will change, but for now it's a tried-and-true method for disseminating the news and preserving the history of this institution.

All that, and all we're asking for is \$2.91 per semester. We think it's a pretty good deal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The front page story in UNO's Gateway reported the University of Nebraska's system will probably have to undergo budget cuts.

And NU President James Milliken warned ominously in an email to faculty and staff that personnel costs represent 80 percent of the state-aided budget, and noted an arbitrator awarded a average salary increase of 3.8 percent for UNO employees.

Instead of laying off faculty and staff I say UNO has got to cut its football program.

And, to make it fair, UNL has to make its men's and women's basketball programs a club sport, meaning no athletic scholarships would be given.

UNO spends a whole lot to keep a football team, and

just can't compete with the Big Red in Lincoln.

Instead of Lincoln foolishly building a 16 million dollar PRACTICE facility for their basketball team as they have announced, they should stop the escalation of money into big time college sports. NU's system should not cut jobs and continue to fund sports teams to the detriment of scholastic activities. The state of Nebraska would be better off if their system of higher education was known for it's quality of education, not the quality of it's expensive sports teams.

The scholarships given to UNO's football team and UNL's basketball teams should be given to high-achieving students in the classroom.

Ricky Fulton
Omaha, Neb.

Dear Editor,

I agree whole-heartedly with the perspective provided by the editorial staff regarding the lack of transparency and ethical behavior of some of the student government representatives. Ultimately I think many of these issues could be due to a seemingly disengaged student body when it comes to the on-campus politics at UNO.

As a graduate student on the UNO campus for the past five or so years I was always surprised by the lack of attention given to student elections. Often times it wasn't apparent that candidates even existed until the week of, and the only candidates that you notice are those running for student body president as they hand out flyers in front of Milo Hall. I completed my undergraduate degree at The University of Kansas, and while this was a larger school that was designed to be a more traditional university, the elections for student government were always a big deal. There was, and apparently continues to be, at least two political "parties" or coalitions on campus for the elections, and candidates for every office are actively campaigning on campus building up to the election. T-shirts and signs for the different parties and their candidates are present all over campus and

throughout Lawrence. The elections are a big deal to many different students for many different reasons. It is not just political science majors or those with their own political aspirations or hopeless activists, but students from all over campus that realize that the decisions get made by those that show up.

Granted, this dynamic is not something that can be developed overnight at UNO or in any campus, but to those students that read the aforementioned op-ed piece and were bothered by it in any way should consider participating in student government, and recruit like-minded individuals to the process. Ultimately the activities of the elected student government should matter to UNO students, and the best way to hold those individuals accountable is for the student body to take their election more seriously, and for The Gateway staff to pay close attention to the activities of those elected representatives. It seems as though The Gateway staff is moving in the right direction, and I would be interested to see what contribution can be made by the students at UNO.

Justin Yurkovich M.A.
Doctoral Candidate, UNO

Alcohol, drug busts aren't as important as saving lives

On Feb. 22, at 3:39 a.m., Campus Security came across a person in a vehicle who seemed to be suffering from alcohol poisoning, according to the campus crime log.

Campus Security attempted to wake the person and, when they couldn't, called the Omaha police and fire departments for assistance getting the person to a hospital.

All this is exactly the response we expect from Campus Security, but the final line of the report is the one that is troubling: "One student was referred for disciplinary action."

Translation: A student who was trying to help someone who appeared to be suffering from alcohol poisoning was subsequently written up when Campus Security found out about it.

That's all we really know because Campus Security refuses to release the names of students involved in incidents in the crime log as a matter of policy, so I don't have any way of talking to the student who was written up in the case.

To be clear, I'm not blaming Campus Security for following its procedures or doing its job. They do the best they can, and I believe they generally do a good job at keeping campus safe. But the idea of writing up a student who was trying to help someone suffering alcohol poisoning really doesn't make any sense.

When a life is on the line, the rules of the game should change to afford as much protection to preserving life as possible.

The only effect this can have is to discourage students from reaching out to Campus Security when they're most needed, whether it's alcohol poisoning or a drug overdose.

UNL implemented The Good Samaritan Alcohol Policy in 2006 that states if a student calls 911 to seek help for a student experiencing an alcohol-related emergency, no violations are recorded for either student for possessing or being in the presence of alcohol on campus, disturbing the peace or dangerous conduct.

From a public health and safety standpoint, I think it's absolutely critical that UNO adopt and publicize such a policy. Incidents like the one on Feb. 22 are a reminder that both students and the university could be more responsible in critical situations.

In the local community, a similar argument can be made that the public should support Legislative Bill 383, introduced by state Sen. Rich Pahl of Omaha, which allows citizens seeking medical help for drug overdoses to avoid being charged with drug possession.

The immunity applies only if the evidence for possession was gained as the result of seeking medical attention, and doesn't shield citizens from charges related to the manufacturing, distribution, dispensing or delivering of illegal substances.

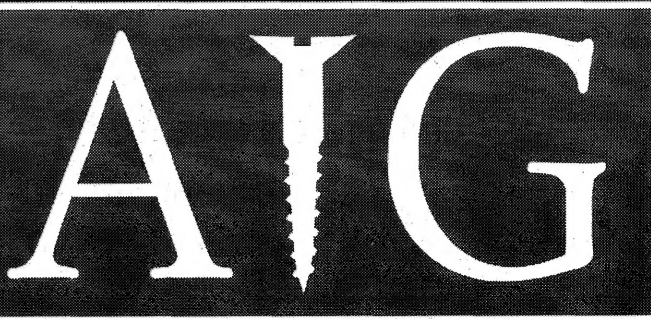
Like the UNL Good Samaritan Alcohol Policy, LB 383 just makes sense. A drug possession charge, while serious, is nowhere near the magnitude of a life-or-death decision, and people should feel comfortable with seeking medical assistance if it becomes necessary.

Society's battles against substance abuse should take a backseat to society's obligation to protect its citizens' lives. Neither alcohol nor drug violations are serious enough that exceptions cannot be made in cases where lives can be saved as a result.

Sinister Slant



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The strongest element that carries the film is Roberts and Owen's suave yet piercing repartee. They certainly have a chemistry that clicks, and it always felt believable between them given the intensity and nature of their jobs.

In order for Stenwick and Koval to keep their cover whenever they decide to meet up again, they always adopt a scripted encounter that showcases the actors' charm and sex appeal. One particular scene in which Stenwick tests Koval to see if he is faithful is particularly funny, another instance of their witty banter. This aspect of the film also makes sure that the suspense and double-crosses don't weigh it down.

The supporting cast in "Duplicity" is another great feature, with Tom Wilkinson and Paul Giamatti starring as the respective CEOs of the corporations. Wilkinson's character, Howard Tully, represents the traditional, stately executive and is the perfect counterpoint to Giamatti's Richard Garsick, a dynamic, crowd-inspiring chief. Tully and Garsick are all too eager to get their hands on what will be the world's next most coveted product, but go about racing for the prize in very different ways.

"Duplicity" works as a stylish and suspenseful caper, and the international

locales that Stenwick and Koval visit add a glamorous cosmopolitan vibe to the film. Mumbai's modern skyscrapers, Rome's old-world decadence, Miami's breezy ocean vistas and New York's busy, winding city streets all offer a perfect backdrop for the main characters' clandestine rendezvous. The pacing from one location to the next while time lapses and backtracks, keeps the film moving at an appropriate speed and the viewer guessing all along. The music is perfectly cast to keep in step with the pacing and adds to the polished tone of the film.

Although the flick includes many beautiful, scenic spots, the story line becomes hard to follow with the script jumping from the past to present day. It also has far too many plot twists.

While it is nicely paced, it's hard to keep up with what Stenwick and Koval's intentions might be to one another. This just ends up being a big distraction from the subplot idea of how commercialization dictates our lives and argument never has the chance to fully develop. That's too bad since the ending doesn't include most of the twists but still plays out nicely if you got left behind.

The film is overall well-crafted, smart and subtly sophisticated. "Duplicity" is a combination that's rare these days, and I would recommend seeing it in theaters.

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Higgins described "Fridays At The Blue" as "an intimate setting where folks can peruse vintage clothing, books and other merchandise while listening to great tunes and readings."

Children are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Each child who comes into the Blue Flamingo on Friday will receive a free book and art supplies as part of the non-profit store's mission to promote fine arts.

"[The UNO Writers Collective is] great work by great writers," said Berger, who plans

to read a lyrical essay which is published in this month's Ball State University's Broken Plate journal. "There's some serious talent in this group."

Higgins agrees and is thankful that the Blue Flamingo is hosting these events.

"It affords the chance to speak with writers...to find out more about their motivations and writing processes," Higgins said. "[Fridays At The Blue] is an opportunity to hear good music and fine oral literature. You will be entertained and you just might learn something."

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Shot at Love with Tila Tequila."

He graduated with a degree in journalism from UNO in 1987.

Although he has found success in recent years working on these TV shows, Allen said he wants students to realize that there is hope out there for finding jobs, even when economic times are tough.

"I want students to realize it's not all gloom and doom out there. They have the chance to create their own destiny, regardless of what economic experts might say," Allen

said in a press release. "It's important they know how to stay ahead of the game, easy ways to go after what they want, and how to get a job - even when it seems everyone else wants the same one."

Allen received the School of Communication Alumni Achievement Award in 2007 for his contributions and dedication to mentoring UNO students through visits he makes each semester.

For more information on this event, contact Jeremy Lipschultz at 203-7247.

FROM **SERVICE**: PAGE 1

students participating in the project in past years indicated on evaluations they enjoyed the project and would participate in it again, Oleson-Lyons said.

Although some of the students at the sites were volunteers, others also participated due to requirements for their major.

"I'm a UNO student taking a management course and part of that course is coming out here to the Seven Days of Service and actually managing folks for a couple days," said construction management senior Jason Craig.

That doesn't mean Craig's participation in the event was purely for academic purposes, though.

"As part of the class, we had been notified that we would do this. But had it not been part of the class, I think I would have volunteered anyway," Craig said. "I missed out on it last year, so I wanted to make certain I got in on it to help out and do what I can."

Craig helped oversee volunteers cleaning up the Salvation Army Gene Eppley Camp in Bellevue.

"We managed students rebuilding roofs on softball dugouts and replanking bleachers," Craig said. "There were other crews that were out there that did landscape clean up, paint fences, set up the sand volleyball court."

Junior Lulu A. Ferdous, an aviation major, has volunteered over 100 days of her time on projects that UNO has sponsored.

"First of all, I've worked during breaks before," Ferdous said. "It's a great opportunity to do something for the community. And No. 2, it makes me have a greater purpose than just pursuing my own studies. I'm part of a bigger picture."

Ferdous said he did renovation work for Habitat for Humanity the first day of volunteering.

"We helped clean up and start rebuilding a house," Ferdous said. "The last couple of days I worked at the Lauritzen Park. We took up barrels of mulch the top of the hill to create a trail way and then we cleaned up parts of the park so the tourists and the children would have a cleaner park to travel and see."

While the Service Learning Academy over the last six years has built up long standing relationships with non-profit organizations throughout the area, some new partners have been added this year.

"This is our first year, and we were really excited to develop the new partnership," said Gina Primmer, executive director for Habitat for Humanity in Council Bluffs. "I think it's been going terrific. The weather



Chris Holecka trims an overgrown tree as part of the Seven Days of Service project. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

has been really cooperative which is helpful and the progress on both locations has been tremendous. Way better than we even expected."

Primmer said the project brought a large infusion of volunteers to the organization, more than what Habitat for Humanity usually has on a site.

"Actually, they have been terrific about moving our building schedule for the two houses they are working on ahead by at least several weeks," Primmer said.

One of those projects was specially dedicated to the memory of a victim in the Dec. 5, 2007, shooting at the Westroads Mall.

"One of the homes is being built in the memory of John McDonald, who happened to lose his life at the Von Maur shooting, and we are building the home in honor of the way he lived his life," Primmer said. "He was a supporter of Habitat. He had a lot of really strong feelings about the habitat model and thought it was a great way to live out his fate. We worked with his family on a number of donations and got enough money together to build the whole house in his honor."

Students interested in volunteering to help the community should not wait until next year, Primmer said.

"Habitat for Humanity has volunteers onsite typically five days a week, we build year round and Saturday is our biggest day," Primmer said. "Still we have people usually there on site from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. most weeknights as well."

For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Habitat for Humanity of Omaha at (402) 457-5657 or Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs at (217) 328-9476.

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